

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting.

May 21, 2008

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Chairman Earl Newman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Members present were Jamie Hainsworth, Lynda Martone , George Leonhardt. Also present were Chief Robert Dauphinais, Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields. Absent were Robert Lohr and Treasurer David Steere.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the April 16, 2008 meetings for their review.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4–0

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson presented the board with the report from Mr. McCormick's office for the month of April in which is office collected \$53.07 (\$49.30 to the District on outstanding taxes and McCormick's fee of \$3.77) this is two accounts paying on account.

There are 7 accounts that Mr. McCormick's office has been collecting on 2 of which have now gone into Bankruptcy and 2 Accounts have gone into foreclosure. Those accounts total \$7800.00 in outstanding taxes.

Mrs. Svansson advised the board that she sent out 122 warning letters and to date 46 have paid in full, 26 are paying on account, 2 have gone into foreclosure and the remaining 48 haven't responded. The total of unpaid taxes on the 50 accounts is approximately \$25,000.

Motion made by Mr. Newman to authorize the Tax Collector to contact the Title Company and start the proceeding of a tax sale, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to accept the Monthly Tax Collector's Report, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 4-0.

Treasurer Report:

In Mr. Steere's absence Mrs. Shields presented the April's Treasurer Report for the month of April. The biggest expense for the month was for the new rescue in the amount of \$139,000. Currently there is \$270,000 in the unrestricted funds and \$216,000 in the restricted funds.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone accept the Treasurer's Monthly Report as submitted and pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais read his report for the month of April to be placed file.

Motion made by Mr. Newman to accept the reports as presented, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0.

Old Business:

A. Street Lights: Mrs. Shields submitted an update letter from Nationalgrid to be put on file. The letter states that to date all works orders have been completed. Total credits will be account 77946-43009 (\$1196.30) and account 15688-44003 (\$904.76).

B. Proposed 2008/2009 Budget: Mrs. Shields in Mr. Steere's absent presented the proposed Budget for 2008/2009. Mrs. Shields passed along Mr. Steere's recommendation that we used \$31,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to support the 2008/2009 Budget this will allow the District to submitted a Budget that would keep that tax rate at .75c per thousand. Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the

proposed Budget as presented for fiscal year 2008/2009, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4-0.

C. Mr. Newman submitted the Slate of Officers: Moderator Kevin Kitson to serve one year Term, Tax Assessor Charles G. Bolwell to serve 3 year term to expire in 2011 and Board Member Mr. Robert Lohr to serve 3 year term to expire in 2011

New Business:

A. Chief Dauphinais mentioned that the department will be having their Annual BBQ Dinner on June 28th from 4pm – 8pm.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Assess the Voter's Registration List on Saturday, June 7th, 2008 at 8:00am.

Annual Meeting to be held on June 14th, 2008 at 7:30pm

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mr. Leonhardt to adjourn, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene L. Shields

District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District